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DESALTER TO BE PUT INTO FULL OPERATION
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO BRING THE LOK ON PAI DESALTING PLANT INTO FULL OPERATION.

REACTIVATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL UNITS IS IN THE FINAL STAGES AND PROGRESSIVE BUILD UP TO FULL OUTPUT WILL NOW COMMENCE.

FULL OPERATION OF THE PLANT IS EXPECTED BY EARLY OCTOBER.

IN MAKING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WILLIAM TUCKER, SAID THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN AFTER CONSIDERING THE PRESENT WATER STORAGE AND ALL OTHER POSSIBLE WATER SOURCES.

HE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE UNFAVOURABLE WATER STORAGE, IT WAS NOW NECESSARY TO PUT THE DESALTER INTO FULL-SCALE OPERATION.

OPERATING AT FULL CAPACITY, THE DESALTER COULD PRODUCE 182 000 CUBIC METRES OF FRESH WATER A DAY, OR ABOUT 12 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S CURRENT CONSUMPTION.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE OPERATION OF THE DESALTER WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON EXISTING WATER CHARGES.

HE SAID: +THE PURPOSE OF THE DESALTER IS TO SUPPLY FRESH WATER WHENEVER OTHER SOURCES ARE DEFICIENT AND THAT IS, BY DEFINITION, AN EMERGENCY FUNCTION.

+THERE IS NO INTENTION TO PASS THE OPERATING COST OF THE DESALTER ON TO CONSUMERS BY WAY OF AN INCREASE IN WATER CHARGES.+

TURNING TO OTHER SOURCES, MR TUCKER SAID THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THE LOW LEVEL WATER STORAGE, THE BELOW-AVERAGE RAINFALL FORECAST BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND IN THE HOPE OF IMPROVING OUR RESOURCES, A REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE IN MARCH THIS YEAR TO THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES FOR THE SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL WATER BEYOND THAT PROVIDED IN THE CURRENT SUPPLY PERIOD WHICH ENDED IN JULY.

+THE EFFORT HAS BEEN REWARDED,+ HE SAID.

+THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER CONSERVANCY AND HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER OF GUANGDONG CO-OPERATED TO THE MAXIMUM AND AGREED TO INCREASE THE DELIVERY RATE AND EXTEND THE SUPPLY PERIOD BY ONE MONTH TO THE END OF AUGUST, LEAVING SEPTEMBER FOR MAINTENANCE.

+A TOTAL OF ABOUT 30 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF ADDITIONAL WATER WAS OBTAINED BY THESE MEASURES.+

MR TUCKER SAID THAT HONG KONG HAD RECEIVED 1 289 MM OF RAIN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY, COMPARED WITH THE AVERAGE FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 837 MM.

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THE WATER STORAGE POSITION WAS NOT SATISFACTORY, MR TUCKER SAID, AND THE DESALTER'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S OVERALL RESOURCES WOULD ENABLE A BETTER LEVEL OF SUPPLY TO BE MAINTAINED IN THE COMING DRY SEASON.

A DECISION ON THE LEVEL OF SUPPLY TO BE MAINTAINED IN THE COMING DRY SEASON WOULD BE MADE BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

AT 9 AM TODAY, HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS HELD 261.47 MILLION CUBIC METRES, REPRESENTING 45.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY. THIS TIME LAST YEAR, THE RESERVOIRS HELD 399.4 MILLION CUBIC METRES, OR 69.1 PER CENT.

MR TUCKER REPEATED HIS APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CONSERVE WATER AND AVOID WASTE.

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GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR BLIND

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THE GOVERNMENT IS SUPPORTING A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND APART FROM RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON PRESS REPORTS OF CRITICISMS MADE BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SUBVENTION POLICY FOR THE BLIND.

+A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES RUN BY ANOTHER AGENCY, THE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, INCLUDING BRAILLING, MOBILITY TRAINING, TUTORING, LIBRARY SERVICE AND SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, ARE SUBVENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COUNSELLING IS PROVIDED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S NETWORK OF FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES AND THOSE RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

ALTHOUGH BLINDNESS IN ITSELF IS NOT CONSIDERED A REASON FOR PLACEMENT IN A SEGREGATED RESIDENTIAL SETTING, THERE ARE PROVISIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR SOME AGED BLIND AND BLIND CHILDREN.

A WIDE VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE BLIND IS PROVIDED BY SOCIAL CLUBS AND CENTRES RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

IN THE AREA OF EMPLOYMENT, ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED TO THE BLIND THROUGH THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

+IT IS THEREFORE APPROPRIATE TO SAY THAT THE NEEDS OF THE BLIND ARE BEING MET THROUGH VARIOUS SERVICES OTHER THAN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FESTIVAL GOERS ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL AT SHA TIN RACE-COURSE ON SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY EVENINGS ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF PARKING SPACE AVAILABLE IN THE AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BRING THEIR CARS UNLESS THEY HAVE PURCHASED A PARKING PERMIT, ALL OF WHICH HAVE NOW BEEN SOLD.

HE SAID ILLEGAL PARKING IN THE VICINITY OF THE RACE-COURSE WOULD BE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

EXTRA TRAINS AND BUSES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR ALL THREE EVENINGS TO GET PEOPLE TO AND FROM THE SHA TIN RACE-COURSE.

THERE WILL BE TWO SPECIAL NORTHBOUND TRAINS LEAVING HUNG HOM AT 6.45 PM AND 7.07 PM. TWO SPECIAL SOUTHBOUND TRAINS WILL DEPART FROM LO WU AT 5.45 PM AND 6.30 PM.

TO GET PEOPLE HOME AFTERWARDS SOUTHBOUND TRAINS WILL DEPART FROM SHA TIN RACE-COURSE STATION AT 10.04 PM, 11.05 PM AND 11.25 PM AND NORTHBOUND TRAINS WILL DEPART AT 9.46 PM, 11.06 PM AND 11.27 PM.

EXTRA BUS ROUTES, NUMBERED 870M FROM KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION, 872 FROM TAI PO MARKET AND 888 FROM SHA TIN MARKET, WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL BE GUEST OF HONOUR ON THE FIRST NIGHT.

THE PROGRAMME, WHICH STARTS AT 8 PM AND LASTS TWO-AND-A-HALF HOURS, WILL FEATURE THE FIRST OUTDOOR LASER SHOW TO BE SEEN IN HONG KONG. IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE SEGMENTS AT THE BEGINNING, MIDDLE AND END OF THE SHOW.

OTHER ITEMS IN THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE MILITARY BAND MUSIC, A LANTERN DANCE BY 230 GIRLS FROM SIX SCHOOLS, A MASSES LION DANCE AND A VARIETY SHOW WITH FAMOUS TELEVISION STARS PRODUCED BY HK-TV.B.

DUE TO THE POPULARITY OF THE PROGRAMME, TICKETS FOR ALL THREE NIGHTS WERE COMPLETELY SOLD OUT WITHIN A FORTNIGHT OF THE SHOW BEING ANNOUNCED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE OPENING OF THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT AT SHA TIN RACE-COURSE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY (SEPT 12) AT 8 PM.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL ARRIVE AT 7.55 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE EVENT. TWO PRESS COACHES, REGISTRATION NUMBERS BT 870 AND BX 308, WILL LEAVE FROM BEHIND THE PENINSULA HOTEL IN HANKOW ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 6.30 PM TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO SHA TIN RACE-COURSE AND BACK TO TOWN AFTER THE SHOW.

PRESS BADGES, LIMITED TO TWO PER ORGANISATION, ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM GIS DUTY OFFICERS ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

OFFICERS FROM GIS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT WILL ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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TAI PO TO CELEBRATE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

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A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD FOR TAI PO RESIDENTS TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

A MID-AUTUMN EVE PARTY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD IN TAI YUEN ESTATE ON SUNDAY. BOTH EVENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE CULTURE AND RECREATION SUB-COMMITTEE OF TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND CO-SPONSORED BY TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE AND TAI PO DISTRICT YOUTH AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

FUNDS FOR THE ACTIVITIES, AMOUNTING TO \$20 000, WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE MID-AUTUMN EVE PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HEUNG SZE WUI STREET FOOTBALL GROUND BETWEEN 8 PM AND 10 PM AND INCLUDE A LION DANCE PERFORMED BY THE LAW PONG MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION, A PERFORMANCE BY THE ORCHESTRA OF TAI KWONG MIDDLE SCHOOL, CHINESE FOLK DANCES BY SHA TIN AND TAI PO JUNIOR POLICE CALL, A MAGIC SHOW, AND A LANTERN RIDDLE CONTEST.

THE TAI YUEN ESTATE VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD IN THE ESTATE'S COMMUNITY HALL FROM 4 PM TO 6 PM.

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF JUDO AND FOLK DANCING BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL, A KUNG-FU DEMONSTRATION BY THE AU SIU-WING MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION, AND A PERFORMANCE BY THE YOUTH CHOIR OF TAI PO DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

BOTH EVENTS WILL BE FREE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, THE CHAIRMEN OF LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL BE GUESTS.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON HONG KONG ISLAND DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL PERIOD FROM SATURDAY TO MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 14).

IN THE PEAK AREA, METERED PARKING SPACES NEAR THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 2 PM ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND 8 PM ON SEPTEMBER 14.

BETWEEN 2 PM ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND 2 AM ON SEPTEMBER 13, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED :-

- * ALL PARKING FACILITIES EXCEPT THE DESIGNATED SPACES FOR FRANCHISED OMNIBUSES, MAXICABS AND TAXIS AT THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS WILL BE SUSPENDED.
- * ALL PARKING SPACES AT PEAK GARDEN WILL BE SUSPENDED- AND
- * THE SECTION OF PEAK ROAD OUTSIDE THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CAR PARK AND THE ACCESS ROAD WITHIN THE CAR PARK WILL BE ROUTED ONE WAY CLOCKWISE.

BETWEEN 6 PM ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND 2 AM ON SEPTEMBER 13, ONLY RESIDENTS' VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER MT. AUSTIN ROAD AND ONLY VEHICLES WITH PERMITS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER LUGARD ROAD AND HARLECH ROAD.

TRAFFIC PROCEEDING TO AND FROM THE PEAK AREA MAY BE DIVERTED FROM PEAK ROAD INTO THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CAR PARK WHEN REQUIRED BY POLICE.

DIVERSIONS IN PEAK ROAD AND MAGAZINE GAP ROAD MAY ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED AT ANY TIME BY POLICE.

IN THE VICTORIA PARK AREA, BETWEEN 7 PM ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND 2 AM ON SEPTEMBER 13, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED :

- * THE SECTION OF THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN THE DOWN RAMP OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY FLYOVER AND KINGSTON STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES-
- * THE SECTION OF THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF GLOUCESTER ROAD BETWEEN KINGSTON STREET AND CAUSEWAY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC-
- * SUGAR STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC-

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- * ALL EASTBOUND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON GREAT GEORGE STREET WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED TO TURN LEFT INTO THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF GLOUCESTER ROAD.
- * HING FAT STREET BETWEEN CAUSEWAY ROAD AND LAU SIN STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND MAXICABS.
- * ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND MAXICABS, ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CAUSEWAY ROAD WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TURN RIGHT INTO HING FAT STREET.
- * EASTBOUND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON CAUSEWAY ROAD PROCEEDING TO TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD OR THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL IS ADVISED TO USE NGAN MOK STREET, LAU LI STREET, ELECTRIC ROAD AND LAU SIN STREET AS AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

BETWEEN 5 PM ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND 2 AM ON SEPTEMBER 13, ALL METERED PARKING FACILITIES IN CLEVELAND STREET, HING FAT STREET AND OUTSIDE THE CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY WILL BE SUSPENDED.

BECAUSE NO PARKING FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE VICTORIA PARK AND PEAK AREAS, MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO MAKE FULL USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY BY POLICE WITHOUT NOTICE.

SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR THE FESTIVAL.

BUS SERVICES

ADDITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED BY CMB ON SEPTEMBER 12 FROM 7 PM ONWARDS ON ROUTES NO. 15 (CENTRAL - PEAK), NO. 15B (CAUSEWAY BAY - PEAK) AND NO. 41 (NORTH POINT - OCEAN PARK - WAH FU).

SPECIAL BUS ROUTES WILL ALSO BE OPERATED FOR VISITORS TO THE PEAK AREA.

THEY ARE ROUTES NO. 15A (NORTH POINT FERRY - PEAK) AND NO. 15M (ADMIRALTY MTR STATION - PEAK).

CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS ROUTE NOS. 102 AND 106 WILL, ON LEAVING THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, BE DIVERTED VIA WATERFRONT ROAD, VICTORIA PARK ROAD, WING HING STREET AND KING'S ROAD.

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MAXICAB SERVICES

MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 11 SERVICE (TIN WAN - CAUSEWAY BAY) WILL BE EXTENDED TO 3 AM ON SEPTEMBER 13 AND A FLAT FARE OF \$3.50 WILL BE CHARGED FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY.

PEAK TRAM SERVICES

PEAK TRAM SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED TO 3 AM ON SEPTEMBER 13.

TRAM SERVICES

THE SERVICE BETWEEN WESTERN MARKET AND SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE EXTENDED AND THE LAST JOURNEY WILL DEPART AT 12.53 AM AND 1.09 AM ON SEPTEMBER 13 FROM WESTERN MARKET AND SHAU KEI WAN RESPECTIVELY.

AN ADDITIONAL SERVICE WILL BE INTRODUCED ON SEPTEMBER 12 BETWEEN KENNEDY TOWN AND CAUSEWAY BAY AT A BASIC FREQUENCY OF ONE TRAM EVERY SEVEN MINUTES. THE LAST TRAM LEAVING CAUSEWAY BAY AND KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE AT 12.56 AM AND 1.30 AM RESPECTIVELY.

TRAMS ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICE BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND WESTERN MARKET WILL LEAVE CAUSEWAY BAY AT 1.09 AM, 1.17 AM, 1.23 AM AND 1.20 AM ON SEPTEMBER 13.

MTR SERVICES

THE LAST MTR TRAINS RUNNING BETWEEN CENTRAL AND KWUN TONG ON SEPTEMBER 13 WILL LEAVE CHATER STATION AND KWUN TONG STATION AT 2.49 AM AND 2.30 AM RESPECTIVELY.

A SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICE FROM CENTRAL TO CHOI HUNG WILL LEAVE CHATER STATION AT 2.59 AM ON SEPTEMBER 13.

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TRAM-ONLY LANE ON KING'S ROAD

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A SECTION OF EASTBOUND TRAM TRACK TRAFFIC LANE ON KING'S ROAD PARALLEL TO THE TRAM STOP NEAR TIN CHIU STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR TRAM-ONLY LANE FROM 7 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 12).

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VOLUNTARY HELP IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY URGED

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A VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION WITH FULL-TIME SAFETY OFFICERS AS MEMBERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DAVID LIN, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION, MR LIN PRAISED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS AIM TO IMPROVE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH IN HONG KONG.

IN AN AGE OF RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE, SAFETY OFFICERS HAD CONTINUOUSLY TO UP-DATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, HE SAID.

MR LIN POINTED OUT THAT IN RECENT YEARS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONCENTRATING ITS EFFORTS ON FOUR FRONTS OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY -- LEGISLATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT, TRAINING AND PUBLICITY.

THE MAIN THRUST IN LEGISLATION HAS BEEN TO INCREASE PENALTIES AND TO IMPROVE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPENSATION FOR WORK INJURY.

THE PENALTIES IN THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT SETS OF SAFETY REGULATION HAD BEEN INCREASED UP TO \$50 000, WHILE THOSE IN THE REMAINING 14 SETS ARE IN THE COURSE OF BEING INCREASED.

TO IMPROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WAS BEING EXPANDED. IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE NUMBER OF FACTORY INSPECTORS INCREASED BY ABOUT 80 PER CENT FROM 81 TO 145 AND IT WAS EXPECTED TO REACH 250 BY 1984.

THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE CONTINUED TO EXPAND ITS ACTIVITIES IN CONDUCTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING COURSES AND GIVING SAFETY TALKS TO STUDENTS. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAD BENEFITED FROM SUCH COURSES AND TALKS INCREASED FROM 13 000 IN 1978 TO 15 000 IN 1980.

DEALING WITH PUBLICITY, MR LIN SAID THAT MORE EMPHASIS WAS BEING PUT ON BRINGING THE SAFETY MESSAGE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGH INTENSIFIED PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS.

THE CO-OPERATION OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PROMOTION EFFORTS, HE STRESSED.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT PLANS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE COMPULSORY EMPLOYMENT OF SAFETY OFFICERS IN DESIGNATED INDUSTRIES, HE SAID.

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SCHOOLS DECIDE OWN CURRICULUMS, HAYE SAYS
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DOES NOT PRESCRIBE THE CURRICULUM, BUT ADVISES SCHOOLS AND POINTS THE WAY TOWARDS WHAT HE BELIEVES TO BE THE RIGHT EDUCATIONAL GOALS.

ELABORATING ON THIS POINT, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID, +SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND TEACHERS ARE FREE TO MAKE UP THEIR OWN MINDS AND, ENCOURAGINGLY, THEY DO SO.+

MR HAYE, WAS SPEAKING ON +THE USE OF DISCRETION+ AT THE ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY (THURSDAY).

IN A REFERENCE TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S RECENTLY-ISSUED GENERAL GUIDELINES ON MORAL EDUCATION TO SCHOOLS, MR HAYE SAID THAT ALREADY SOME PEOPLE WERE SAYING THAT THE GUIDELINES WERE NOT EXPLICIT ENOUGH, AND OTHERS THAT THEY REPRESENTED A SUBTLE BUREAUCRATIC ATTEMPT TO BRAIN-WASH TEACHERS IN AN AREA IN WHICH THERE OUGHT TO BE TOTAL DISCRETION.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THERE WAS THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE WHICH EMPOWERED THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO ACT BY MANDATE OR BY DISCRETION, AND CODES OF AID GOVERNING THE USE OF GOVERNMENT SUBVENTIONS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR, IN THE IMPORTANT AREA OF WHAT WAS TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS, HE WAS HAPPY TO GIVE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND TEACHERS GENUINE DISCRETION.

AND SO +GENERAL GUIDELINES....+ RATHER THAN +RULES AND REGULATIONS ...+, MR HAYE SAID, ADDING THAT IT WOULD BE RASH FOR HIM TO TRY TO IMPOSE HIS WILL ON THE CURRICULUM.

+THE DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION IS ROOTED IN HISTORY AND COMMONSENSE,+ MR HAYE SAID, TRACING THE ORIGINS OF HONG KONG'S EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED BY MAJOR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS. SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND TEACHERS WERE TRUSTED TO RUN THEIR OWN AFFAIRS WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF CERTAIN RULES.

+WITHIN THESE RULES, HOWEVER, THERE WAS, AND IS WIDE PROFESSIONAL LATITUDE WHICH IS AS MUCH TRADITIONAL RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AS COMMONSENSE TRUST IN THE JUDGEMENT OF THOSE WHO HAVE A VOCATION TO EDUCATING THE YOUNG,+ HE SAID.

EXPRESSING A PERSONAL VIEW AS AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE COMPLEX AND CONTROVERSIAL AREA OF MORAL EDUCATION, MR HAYE SAID HE DEPLORED THE APPARENT EROSION OF THE FAMILY AS A SOCIAL UNIT AND HAD NO HESITATION IN CALLING FOR A RETURN TO THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE CONCEPT OF THE FAMILY.

HE DEFINED SUCH A FAMILY AS ONE BOUND BY CLOSE TIES OF LOVE AND RESPECT BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD IN WHICH THE PARENT HAS A DUTY TO GUIDE THE CHILD, AND THE CHILD A DUTY TO OBEY THE PARENT, UNTIL THE YEARS OF DISCRETION IN WHICH AN INTELLIGENT DIALOGUE ABOUT THE RIGHT AND WRONG BECOMES POSSIBLE.

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FAMILY DISCIPLINE, BASED ON LOVE AND RESPECT, WAS THE ANSWER TO MANY OF THE PROBLEMS WORRYING US TODAY, HE SAID.

+OUR YOUNG MAY CLAMOUR AT ADULT STRICTURES ON THEIR BEHAVIOUR, BUT NOT ONLY DO THEY NEED RULES IN THE HOME, THEY ACTUALLY WANT THEM.

+ASK ANY SENSIBLE YOUNG MAN OR WOMAN WHO GREW UP IN A DISCIPLINED HOME IF THIS IS NOT SO. WHERE A WESTERNER MAY HESITATE BEFORE ANSWERING, A CHINESE WILL NOT,+ MR HAYE SAID.

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BIG CLEANUP AT SQUATTER VILLAGE

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A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL LIVING CONDITIONS OF GOOD HOPE SQUATTER VILLAGE NEAR CHOI WAN ESTATE, WONG TAI SIN.

CO-ORDINATED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, THE CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLIES, TOILET FACILITIES, AS WELL AS WORK TO PAVE THE FOOTPATHS WITH CEMENT.

A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED BY VILLAGERS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, TO PROMOTE GREATER CO-OPERATION AMONG THEM.

WORK ON PAVING THE FOOTPATHS, ON WHICH THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD HAS SPENT OVER \$10 000, WILL START AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 12).

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE START OF THE IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN AT GOOD HOPE SQUATTER VILLAGE NEAR CHOI WAN ESTATE, WONG TAI SIN ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 12). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE CHOI WAN SUB-OFFICE OF THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, CHEUNG BOR HOUSE, CHOI WAN ESTATE AT 9.45 AM.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TV SHOW
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THE PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR T.A. HAHN, LEFT FOR LONDON TODAY (THURSDAY) TO FINALISE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT TO BRITAIN BY THE WINNING TEAM OF AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TELEMATCH/QUIZ TELEVISION PROGRAMME.

THE TV PROGRAMME, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AND CO-SPONSORED BY BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS, IS BEING PRODUCED EXCLUSIVELY FOR WORKERS IN THE MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES.

DETAILS OF THE TV PROGRAMME WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

IN LONDON, MR HAHN WILL MEET OFFICIALS OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE, THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS, THE BRITISH SAFETY COUNCIL AND OTHER RELATED ORGANISATIONS TO ARRANGE FOR AN INTERESTING ITINERARY FOR THE WINNERS.

HE NOTED: +IT IS HOPED THAT THE TRIP WILL BE INTERESTING, INFORMATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL FOR THE WORKERS. APART FROM SOME SIGHT-SEEING TO ENABLE THE WINNERS TO HAVE A FEEL OF BRITAIN, I WILL ARRANGE FOR THEM TO VISIT THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE IN BIRMINGHAM AND FACTORIES, TO MEET BRITISH OFFICIALS FOR BRIEFINGS ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN BRITAIN AND TO SEE CONSTRUCTION WORKS IN PROGRESS THERE.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

DETAILS OF THE TV PROGRAMME WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN STUDIO 1, BROADCASTING HOUSE, BROADCAST DRIVE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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TEMPORARY BAN ON LEARNER DRIVERS
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LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE CAR PARK AND BUS TERMINUS BETWEEN 5 PM AND MIDNIGHT FROM SEPTEMBER 12 TO 14 BECAUSE OF MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL FUNCTIONS AT THE RACECOURSE.

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CLEARANCE OF ILLEGAL GRAVES IN CASTLE PEAK FIRING RANGE

THIRTY ILLEGAL GRAVES IN KWONG SHAN AREA WITHIN THE CASTLE PEAK FIRING RANGE WILL BE CLEARED BY THE GOVERNMENT NEXT WEEK.

WHERE RELATIVES CAN BE TRACED NOTICES WERE SERVED ON THEM TO REMOVE THE GRAVES.

UNDER SECTION 118 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, BURIALS OUTSIDE AUTHORISED CEMETERIES ARE NOT PERMITTED AS THE PRACTICE IS CONTRARY TO THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AND COULD POSE A HEALTH HAZARD.

ILLEGAL GRAVES IN KWONG SHAN ARE ALSO DANGEROUS BECAUSE RELATIVES AND VISITORS PUT THEIR LIVES AT RISK BY ENTERING THE CASTLE PEAK FIRING RANGE.

EXHUMED REMAINS OF THESE BURIALS WILL BE RE-INTERRED IN A GOVERNMENT CEMETERY.

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LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH STRESS

A PUBLIC LECTURE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH STRESS AND STRAINS WILL BE GIVEN BY MISS ADA WONG, A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST AND STUDENT COUNSELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, FROM 10.30 TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAY, AT THE AUDITORIUM, FIRST FLOOR OF THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, WAN CHAI.

AFTER THE TALK, SHE WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

THIS IS THE SECOND OF A SERIES OF LECTURES ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT AND THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION.

A THIRD LECTURE, ENTITLED +MENTAL HEALTH OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN+ WILL BE GIVEN BY MISS EDITH LEE SUK-HAN, AN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ON SEPTEMBER 19.

A SEMINAR ON +CURRENT TREND OF TREATMENT IN PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESSES+ WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SEMINAR WILL BE DR W.H. LO, CONSULTANT PSYCHIATRIST IN-CHARGE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

ADMISSION TICKETS MAY BE OBTAINED IN ADVANCE FROM THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, 181-185 GLOUCESTER ROAD, SECOND FLOOR OR BY CALLING 5-720861.

THE LECTURES AND SEMINAR ARE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS.

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